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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Final Office Action dated November 30, 2005, and Advisory Action dated February 7, 2006. A Notice of Appeal was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office on February 28, 2006 together with a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review. A Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review was received dated April 6, 2006. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.